PATENT Attorney Docket No. 2356.0062-05

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Rule 1.53(b) cont. appln of: U.S. Serial No. 09/092,077	,
Maurice MONCANY et al.	)
Serial No.: Unassigned	) ) Prior Group Art Unit: 1648 `
Filed: September 26, 2000	) Prior Examiner: J. Stucker

For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES DERIVED FROM THE GENOME OF RETROVIRUSES OF THE HIV-1, HIV-2 AND SIV TYPE, AND THEIR USES IN PARTICULAR FOR THE AMPLIFICATION OF THE GENOMES OF THESE RETROVIRUSES AND FOR THE IN VITRO DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASES DUE TO THESE VIRUSES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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Page 6, line 1, after "GAC" insert --(SEQ ID NO:1)--; line 2, after "...", last occurrence, insert --SEQ ID NO:2)--; line 4, after "AAA A", insert --(SEQ ID NO:3)--; line 5, after "...", last occurrence, insert --SEQ ID NO:4); line 6, after "...", last occurrence, insert--(SEQ ID NO:5)--; line 8, after "TTT TA" insert --(SEQ ID NO:6)--; line 9, after "...", last occurrence, insert--(SEQ ID NO:7)--;
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